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1. UAR Bombing and Shelling Saudi Territory Increases Saudi Apprehensions Over Disengagement. On July 31 single UAR Ilyushin aircraft bombed Saudi territory 64 kilometers east Najran killing 25 camels and injuring others. UNYOM observers promptly investigated and submitted report San'a and New York. On August 3 Charge was informed that "last few days" UAR had shelled two Saudi villages in Jizan district with artillery located on Yemeni side border in DZ. This incident still under UNYOM investigation. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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I. SAG Welcomes Test Ban Agreement. Saudi Radio August 1, carries following day, carried text statement by Deputy Foreign Minister 'Umar Saqqaf announcing that SAG "welcomes test ban agreement." Agreement, Saqqaf stated, will reduce tension, danger of war, will "encourage world peace; these are policy aims of SAG." V agency reports on Moscow meeting; signing of ban agreement received front p tion local press. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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